

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2020
OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The special meeting for June 2020 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, commencing at 5:05 p.m. Commissioners Russell E. Olsen, Linda Oosterman, and Chris Stearns were present for the teleconference meeting hosted via Zoom. The following District employees were also present for the meeting.

- John Weidenfeller, General Manager (GM)
- Julie Parker, Assistant General Manager (AGM)
- TaSeana Tartt, Finance and Customer Service Manager (FCSM)
- Ruth Clemens, Administrative Services Manager (ASM)
- Joe Rehberger, Chief Legal Counsel
- Kurin Miller, Clerk to the Board

Call to Order: Commissioner Olsen called the special meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Stearns made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Commissioner Olsen seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.

Information or Discussion of Operations/Policy Issues:

Continuing Update – District Response to Coronavirus, COVID-19 Threat

FCSM Tartt gave an update on the District response to the COVID-19 pandemic, focusing on revenue, expenses, customer consumption, accounts receivable, and the deferred payment program. GM Weidenfeller and ASM Clemens also spoke – several items were discussed, including the Governor’s recent proclamation regarding the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA), public records, customer support programs, financial reporting, and the move to Phase 2 of the Governor’s Safe Start Washington program. Mr. Rehberger addressed the Board about the Governor’s proclamation and related matters. Commissioner Oosterman asked about jobsite safety, and ASM Clemens addressed her question.

General Manager and Staff Updates

GM Weidenfeller addressed the Board about concerns related to a Tanglewilde-Thompson Place water system customer that has a large leak at their property – AGM Parker also spoke about this issue. Commissioner Stearns asked about safety concerns regarding leak loss at the water system. His question was addressed by GM Weidenfeller.

Commissioner Topics, Discussions and Reports:

Commissioner Stearns recently attended a Washington PUD Association (WPUDA) meeting on COVID-19 issues. He will attend a Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) meeting about water banking on June 10, 2020.

Commissioner Oosterman reported on updates for her PUD computer. She also asked about feedback for the June 4, 2020 meeting with the Thurston County Board of Commissioners – the Board discussed this upcoming meeting in greater detail.

Commissioner Olsen reported on the Utility Rate Advisory Committee (URAC) he recently attended. The Commissioner asked GM Weidenfeller a security-related question; GM Weidenfeller addressed his question as well as Commissioner Oosterman’s question regarding water systems in the vicinity of current protests.

At 5:40 p.m., Commissioner Olsen announced that the Board would enter into an Executive Session to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price until 5:55 p.m., as authorized by RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b). At 5:55 p.m., it was announced that the Executive Session would be extended for another five minutes until 6:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m., the Executive Session was closed, and the special meeting resumed. No decisions were made during the Executive Session.

Adjournment: Commissioner Stearns made a motion to adjourn the meeting: Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Russell E. Olsen, Commissioner and President

Attest:

Chris Stearns, Commissioner and Secretary